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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims. Only those claims being amended herein show their changes in highlighted form, where insertions appear as underlined text (e.g., insertions) while deletions appear as strikethrough text or brackets (e.g., ~~deletions~~ or ~~[[deletions]]~~). Accordingly, please cancel Claims 1-2, 6-19, 22-23, and 27-40, and amend Claims 3, 20, 24, and 41 as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) In a client device equipped with a digital rights management system (DRM), a method comprising:

receiving a digital certificate associating an arbitrary digital action with a selected one or more of a plurality of secure components to facilitate performance of the digital action on protected content by the client device;

verifying whether the digital certificate is authentic;

determining whether the client device is authorized to perform the digital action;

performing the digital action via execution of the one or more secure components if the digital certificate is authentic and the client device is authorized to perform the requested action; and

~~The method of claim 1~~, wherein each of the selected one or more secure components is associated with a corresponding unique identifier and the digital certificate includes unique identifiers of a plurality of unique identifiers corresponding to each of the selected one or more secure components.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, further comprising determining whether each of the selected one or more secure components are stored on the client device.

5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4, further comprising dynamically obtaining those of the selected one or more secure components stored external to the client device.

6. (Cancelled)
7. (Cancelled)
8. (Cancelled)

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- 9. (Cancelled)
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- 15. (Cancelled)
- 16. (Cancelled)
- 17. (Cancelled)
- 18. (Cancelled)
- 19. (Cancelled)

20. **(Currently Amended)** A method comprising:
generating a plurality of secure components to facilitate performance of one or
more digital content related actions by a client device;
generating a digitally signed certificate associating an arbitrary digital action with
a selected one or more of the plurality of secure components;
providing the digital certificate to the client device; and

The method of claim 17, wherein each of the plurality of secure components is associated with a corresponding unique identifier and the digital certificate includes unique identifiers of a plurality of unique identifiers corresponding to each of the selected one or more secure components.

21. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 20, further comprising:
providing the selected one or more of the plurality of secure components to the client device.

- 22. (Cancelled)
- 23. (Cancelled)

24. **(Currently Amended)** A machine readable medium having stored thereon
machine executable instructions, which when executed by a client device equipped with a digital
rights management system (DRM), operate to implement a method comprising:

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receiving a digital certificate associating an arbitrary digital action with a selected one or more of a plurality of secure components to facilitate performance of the digital action on protected content by the client device;

verifying whether the digital certificate is authentic;

determining whether the client device is authorized to perform the digital action;

performing the digital action via execution of the one or more secure components if the digital certificate is authentic and the client device is authorized to perform the requested action; and

~~The machine readable medium of claim 22,~~ wherein each of the selected one or more secure components is associated with a corresponding unique identifier and the digital certificate includes unique identifiers of a plurality of unique identifiers corresponding to each of the selected one or more secure components.

25. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 24, further comprising instructions to determine whether each of the selected one or more secure components are stored on the client device.

26. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 25, further comprising instructions to dynamically obtain those of the selected one or more secure components stored external to the client device.

- 27. (Cancelled)
- 28. (Cancelled)
- 29. (Cancelled)
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39. (Cancelled)

40. (Cancelled)

41. (Currently Amended) A machine readable medium having stored thereon machine executable instructions, which when executed operate to implement a method comprising:

generating a plurality of secure components to facilitate performance of one or more digital content related actions by a client device;

generating a digitally signed certificate associating an arbitrary digital action with a selected one or more of the plurality of secure components;

providing the digital certificate to the client device; and

~~The machine readable medium of claim 38~~, wherein each of the plurality of secure components is associated with a corresponding unique identifier and the digital certificate includes unique identifiers of a plurality of unique identifiers corresponding to each of the selected one or more secure components.

42. (Previously Presented) The machine readable medium of claim 41, further comprising instructions to provide the selected one or more of the plurality of secure components to the client device.